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1. RADIO MOGADISCIO SOMALI LANGUAGE BROADCAST FEB. 8 AS WELL AS FEB. 8 EDITION OF OFFICIAL SOMALI LANGUAGE DAILY OCTOBER STAR HAVE REPORTED THAT ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN CAIRO BEGINING FEBRUARY 5 PLEDGED US\$ ONE HUNDRED MILLION TO SOMALIA FOR DROUGHT ASSISTANCE.

2. ARAB DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN MOGADISCIO HAVE CONFLICTING REPORTS, AND MOST APPEAR KNOW ONLY WHAT SOMALI MEDIA HAS TOLD THEM. WE UNDERSTAND ANY PLEDGE OF US\$ ONE HUNDRED MILLION WOULD EXPRESS ONLY GENERAL RESOLVE OF THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS AND IS NOT RPT NOT IN ANY SENSE BINDING ON MEMBER STATES. WE UNDERSTAND ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT MUST NOW ATTEMPT COLLECT THE HUNDRED MILLION FROM MEMBER STATES. ARAB DIPLOMATS HERE (AND GSDR) BELIEVE LITTLEG MONEY WILL ACTUALLY BE FORTHCOMING.

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3. ON FEB. 8, GSDR SENT SRC MEMBER OSMAN MOHAMED JELLE AND

4-MAN DELEGATION TO BAGHDAD TO PARTICIPATE IN ISLAMIC CONFERENCE.
JELLE AND HIS GROUP WILL ALSO VISIT KUWAIT, EGYPT, SYRIA,
LIBYA, SUDAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND LEBANON, ACCORDING TO RADIO
MOGADISCIO. INCLUDED IN DELEGATION IS GROUP OF GOVERNMENT
EMPLOYED SHEIKHS FROM MINJUSTICE AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE THEIR COUNTERPARTS
IN ARAB CAPITALS THAT TEN MEN EXECUTED BY GSDR ON JANUARY 23
(MOGADISCIO 0128) WERE NOT SHEIKHS AT ALL BUT COMMON CRIMINALS
AND IMPERIALIST AGENTS. DELEGATION WILL REPORTEDLY AGAIN
REASSERT DEPTHOOF GSDR ADHERENCE TO ISLAM AND SANCTITY OF
ISLAMIC INSTITUTIONS IN SOMALIA, ETC.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON DETAILS AND PRACTICAL
SIGNIFICANCE OF ARAB LEAGUE DECISION.

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